

**Poultney Board of Selectmen
Meeting
Monday, September 22, 2014 - 6:30 P.M
Poultney Town Hall**

Agenda

- 1) Adoption of the Agenda
- 2) Approval of Minutes: 09/08/14
- 3) Public Comments and Concerns: Caryl Morash
- 4) Pat Davenport - Poultney Cemetery Association
- 5) Town Manager's Report
 - Letters & Communications
 - Budget FY 2015
- 6) Municipal Planning Grant Resolution - Grant due by September 30th
- 7) Transact Any Other Lawful Business:
- 8) Board Orders
- 9) Adjourn

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Chairman Ed Lewis called the meeting to order. Selectmen present included: Jeff King, Frank Fressie and Tom Beatty. Others present included: Jonas Rosenthal, Town Manager; Road Foreman, Ron Kelley and Caryl Morash.

Adoption of the Agenda: Jeff King made a motion to adopt the agenda as printed. Tom Beattie seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: Jeff King made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of 09/08/14. Frank Fressie seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Public Comments and Concerns: Caryl Morash was present to discuss several items. First, that she was placing a barn quilt on her barn as part of an art project sponsored by Green Mountain College. Second, she requested that the Town mow a part of her meadow near Route 140. Third, she requested that the Town look into the culvert near her house that she believed was ineffective. The Board declined to mow the area that Mrs. Morash had described and Ron Kelley would look into the culvert issue.

Road Report:

- 1) Ron Kelley mentioned that two different types of tandem trucks with dump body and plows have been specked out to replace the 1997 International truck. The Municipal Equipment Loan application is due by October 15th. Discussion followed. Appointments will be made to inspect and drive both types of vehicles.
- 2) Several loads of winter salt have been ordered at the new price of \$ 76.02 per ton.
- 3) Ron Kelley and the road crew have begun working on the storm water project behind the High School. Last year the Town pledged \$ 8,000 of in-kind labor and equipment.
- 4) The bridge bollards will be installed on the East Poultney Bridge over the Gorge this week.
- 5) Paving a portion of the cemetery road to the vault will take place in the next several weeks.
- 6) An estimate for crack sealing on several paved roads has been sought.

Town Manager's Report:

- 1) Ron Kelley mentioned that new safety railings at the transfer station have been installed.
- 2) Pre-buys for heating oil for Town owned buildings have been signed and executed. Fuel oil will cost \$ 3.39 per gallon and propane will cost a \$ 1.75 per gallon.
- 3) The Village Trustees would like to meet with the Poultney Board of Selectmen to discuss mutual aid services and cooperation. The issue came up at the last Trustees meeting. At least three of the Trustees agree with current practice. One new Trustee simply wanted more information as to how services are traded and one new Trustee simply wanted to end it or try something different. One member of the audience of the last Trustee meeting did not agree with the practice. It was suggested at the last Trustee meeting to discuss the issue with the Selectboard. It was the consensus of the Board to meet with the Trustees at the next meeting.

4) The Poultney Downtown Designation will expire in June 2015 and must be renewed. Copies of the renewal application were distributed. Rosenthal mentioned that a Municipal Planning Grant will be sought to pay for several things that must be included in the Renewal application. Several requirements of the renewal will require an update of the Town Capital Plan & Budget, and an update of the Town Plan (per ACT 59) effective July 1, 2014. The Municipal Planning Grant is due by September 30th. Jeff King made a motion to approve the Grant Resolution. Tom Beatty seconded the motion. Motion carried.

5) Copies of the August 2014 Financial Report, prepared by Susan Kasuba, were distributed.

6) Copies of a letter from Donald Groff offering a portion of his property to be used as a solar energy farm were distributed and discussed. No action taken at this time.

7) Rosenthal mentioned that the Town of Fair Haven was in the midst of having public discussions about making Fair Haven a better community and has invited the Towns of Castleton and Poultney to participate in these discussions.

Transact Any and Other Lawful Business: None at this time.

Board Orders: Tom Beatty made a motion to approve and sign the Board Orders. Jeff King seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Jeff King made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Frank Fressie seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.

s/Jonas Rosenthal